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Pravda Says U.S. Team Seeks to Preserve Shah

MOSCOW, Dec. 28 (Reuters) — The Communist Party newspaper Pravda said today that a "special group" had been sent to the United States Embassy in Teheran to help find ways of keeping the Shah in power.

A Pravda commentator quoted reports that personnel sent to reinforce the embassy consisted of 60 people, including State Department and Central Intelligence Agency officers.

"Formally, this 'landing party' went to Iran for an on-the-spot study of the situation," Pravda said. "In fact, its members are looking for politicians who could be included in a new government and work out recommendations as to the form in which the Shah could keep his power."

"It remains a fact that the situation in Iran is being influenced, in respect of a solution of the political crisis, by the American special group."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (AP) — A State Department spokesman said today that the United States had sent only a few extra people to Teheran to help with visa requests and to report on political developments. He called the Pravda report unhelpful and untrue.